

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic camera, comprising:
 - an image-capturing device that captures an image of a subject and generates first image data;
 - a display device that displays an image;
 - a display image generating device that generates second image data, which have a smaller number of pixels than ~~said the~~ first image data and correspond to a display resolution at ~~said the~~ display device, based upon ~~said the~~ first image data;
 - a recording device that records ~~said the~~ first image data and ~~said the~~ second image data into a recording medium; and
 - a control device that first reads ~~said the~~ second image data when reading ~~said the~~ first data from ~~said the~~ recording ~~medium-medium~~, and displays on ~~said the~~ display device an image based upon ~~said the~~ second image data which have been ~~read-read~~, and sustains display of the image having been displayed based upon the second image data on the display device even after the read of the first image has been completed.
2. (Currently Amended) An electronic camera according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - a reproduction instruction device that issues an instruction to reproduce an image based upon image data recorded in ~~said the~~ recording medium, wherein:
 - ~~said the~~ control device starts reading ~~said the~~ second image data and ~~said the~~ first image data recorded in ~~said the~~ recording medium in response to a reproduction instruction issued by ~~said the~~ reproduction instruction device.
3. (Currently Amended) An electronic camera according to claim 1, wherein:

~~said the~~ a-recording device records ~~said the~~ first image data and ~~said the~~ second image data in a single image file in ~~said the~~ recording medium.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) An electronic camera according to claim 1, further comprising:

a thumbnail image generating device that generates thumbnail image data, which have a smaller number of pixels than ~~said the~~ second image data, based upon ~~said the~~ first image data, wherein:

~~said the~~ recording device records ~~said the~~ first image data, ~~said the~~ second image data, and ~~said the~~ thumbnail image data into the recording medium.

6. (Currently Amended) An electronic camera according to claim 1, further comprising:

an enlargement instruction device that issues an instruction for enlarged display of ~~an image reproduced and the image~~ displayed at ~~said display device, the display device based upon the second image data,~~ wherein:

~~said the~~ control device ~~invalidates said instruction for performs the~~ enlarged display of the ~~reproduced and displayed image issued by said enlargement instruction device while reading said first image data is in progress.~~ image displayed at the display device based upon the second image data by using the first image data which have been read.

7. (Currently Amended) An electronic camera according to claim 5, wherein:

~~said the~~ control device displays a plurality of thumbnail images at ~~said the~~ display device by reading a plurality of sets of thumbnail image data recorded in ~~said the~~ recording medium, reads second image data before reading first image data corresponding to a thumbnail image selected from ~~said the~~ plurality of thumbnail images on display and

displays ~~said an image at the display device based upon the~~ second image data at ~~said display device.~~ having been read.

8. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus, comprising:

- an image-capturing device that captures an image of a subject and generates first image data;
- a display device that displays an image;
- a display image generating device that generates second image data, which have a smaller number of pixels than ~~said the~~ first image data and correspond to a display resolution at ~~said the~~ display device, based upon ~~said the~~ first image data;
- a recording device that records ~~said the~~ first image data and ~~said the~~ second image data into a recording medium; and
- a control device that first reads ~~said the~~ second image data when reading ~~said the~~ first data from ~~said the~~ recording ~~medium and medium,~~ displays on ~~said the~~ display device an image based upon ~~said the~~ second image data which have been ~~read-read,~~ and sustains display of the image having been displayed based upon the second image data on the display device even after the read of the first image has been completed.

9. (Currently Amended) An image reproduction method, comprising:

- a step in which first image data are generated by engaging an image-capturing device to capture an image of a subject;
- a step in which second image data, which have a smaller number of pixels than ~~said the~~ first image data and correspond to a display resolution at a display device, are generated based upon ~~said the~~ first image data;
- a step in which ~~said the~~ first image data and ~~said the~~ second image data are recorded into a recording medium; ~~and~~

a step in which ~~said the~~ second image data are first read when reading ~~said the~~ first image data from the recording medium and an image based upon ~~said the~~ second image data that have been read is displayed at the display ~~device~~. device; and

a step in which display of the image having been displayed based upon the second image data is sustained at the display device even after the read of the first image has been completed.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) An image reproduction method for reproducing an image by reading image data from a recording medium having recorded therein first image data generated by engaging an image-capturing device to capture an image of a subject and second image data that have a smaller number of pixels than the first image data, correspond to a display resolution at a display device and are generated based upon the first image data, comprising:

a step in which the second image data are first read when reading the first image data from the recording medium and an image based upon the second image data that have been read is displayed at the display ~~device~~. device; and

a step in which display of the image having been displayed based upon the second image data is sustained at the display device even after the read of the first image has been completed.

12 (New) An electronic camera according to claim 6, wherein
the control device invalidates the instruction for the enlarged display issued by the enlargement instruction device while reading the first image data is in progress.

13. (New) An electronic camera, comprising:
an image-capturing device that captures an image of a subject and generates first image data;

a display device that displays an image;

a display image generating device that generates second image data, which have a smaller number of pixels than the first image data and correspond to a display resolution at the display device, based upon the first image data;

a thumbnail image generating device that generates thumbnail image data, which have a smaller number of pixels than the second image data, based upon the first image data,

a recording device that records the first image data, the second image data and the thumbnail image data into a recording medium; and

a control device that displays a plurality of thumbnail images at the display device by reading a plurality of sets of thumbnail image data recorded in the recording medium, reads second image data before reading first image data corresponding to a thumbnail image selected from the plurality of thumbnail images on display and displays an image at the display device based upon the second image data having been read.

14. (New) An electronic camera according to claim 13, further comprising:

an enlargement instruction device that issues an instruction for enlarged display of the image displayed at the display device based upon the second image data, wherein

the control device performs the enlarged display of the image displayed at the display device based upon the second image data by using the first image data which have been read.

15. (New) An electronic camera according to claim 14, wherein

the control device invalidates the instruction for the enlarged display issued by the enlargement instruction device while reading the first image data is in progress.